

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Brenda Johnson, Randy Karr, William J. Merck, and Kevin Ternes know the great worth and beauty of music in our everyday lives; and,

*Whereas*, These individuals have been musicians all of their lives, and after over a half century of performing at weddings, dances, and concerts, they no doubt attribute some of their success in life to the soothing influence of song; and,

*Whereas*, Throughout the years, they have given so much of themselves to the Dakota area, and it seems only right these makers of melodies be rewarded and recognized for their fine achievement in the arts; and,

*Whereas*, For many years, they have shared their achievements in the field of music to provide comfort, solace, and joy to all who hear them play, and it is impossible to estimate how many lives they have touched by sharing with us their special gift; and,

*Whereas*, It is for this reason Brenda Johnson, Randy Karr, William J. Merck, and Kevin Ternes deserve our special praise and attention. So powerful is this influence, the Dakota Musicians Association has chosen to name these individuals to become members of the Dakota Musicians Hall of Fame:

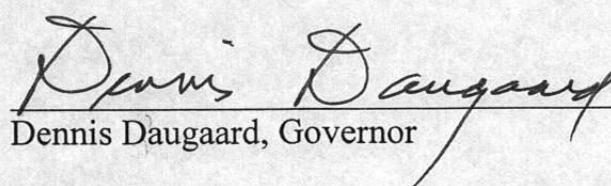
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2017, as

## **DAKOTA MUSICIANS HALL OF FAME DAY**

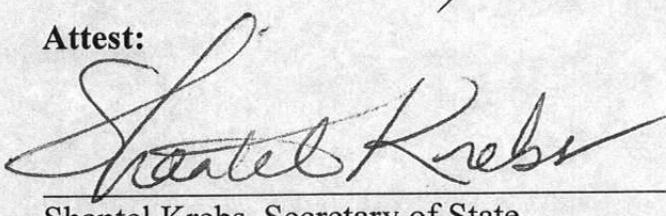
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State